THE COPY OF A PATENT

Granted by His late Majesty King WILLIAM the Third, by the Grace of GOD, of *England*, *Scotland*, *France*, and *Ireland*, King, Defender of the Faith, &c.

To all to whom these Presents shall come Greeting,

WHEREAS our Trusty and wellbeloved *William Tarnold* and *Robert Watson* have, by their Petition to Us, set forth, that the Inhabitants and Tenants of [illegible] of *East Greenwich* and *Lewisham* in the Counties of *Kent* and *Surry*, [illegible] in very great want of Good Water, and cannot be supplied sufficiently therewith but with great Labour and Charge; and that the said *William Tarnold* and *Robert Watson*, with their Partners, at the Request of many of the said Inhabitants, have undertaken

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taken to ſupply all, or moſt of the Inhabitants of our ſaid Mannors with Good and Wholeſome freſh Water at eaſy Rates, ſo as We would be pleaſed to grant them our Royal Licence to empower them to Dig and break up ſuch of the open Streets, Lanes, Waſt Grounds and Places within the ſaid Mannors, as ſhall be needful for laying therein Pipes for conveying Water through the ſame from the River *Ravensborne*, which runs between the ſaid Mannors, to the Houſes of the Inhabitants thereof, and for repairing the ſame hereafter, as often as occaſion ſhall require. That for the better enabling the Petitioners and Partners to effect the ſaid Undertaking; Our Right Truſty and Wellbeloved *Henry* Earl of *Romney*, High Steward of our ſaid Mannors, HATH already Granted his Licenſe. And the ſaid *William Yarnold* and *Robert Watſon*, and their Partners, have already laid out and expended above Six Hundred Pounds in erecting a Water-houſe near the ſaid River, and fixing a Forcing Engine therein, and laying of Pipes under Ground from thence to our High Road going from our ſaid Mannor of *Sayes Court* to *Eaſt Greenwich* aforeſaid, in order to the taking and conveying Water out of the ſaid River for the uſe of the ſaid Inhabitants. And that the ſaid *William Yarnold* and *Robert Watſon* are adviſed they cannot Lawfully proceed in the effecting the ſaid Undertaking without our Royal Licenſe, and do conceive the Charge of finiſhing thereof will be ſeveral Thouſand Pounds more to them

them and their Partners than is already expended as aforeſaid : And that the Profits thereof when finiſhed will be ſmall and uncertain, and will no way anſwer the great Charge thereof, unleſs we ſhall be graciouſly pleaſed to Grant our Royal Licenſe for the Purpoſes aforeſaid for Five Hundred Years, or ſuch long Term, under ſome ſmall Acknowledgment.

WHEREFORE, and for as much as the ſaid Undertaking will be of great Advantage to our ſaid Tenants, the Inhabitants of the ſaid Mannors, our Hoſpital and Dock-Yards there, and can be of no Dammage to us or our Subjects, as appears by a Certificate under the Hands of many of the Principal Inhabitants of the ſaid Mannors. The ſaid *William Tarnold* and *Robert Watſon* have therefore prayed Us to grant to them, their Executors and Adminiſtrators, Our Royal Licenſe, with ample and proper Clauſes and Powers therein for the Purpoſes aforeſaid, with Reſtrictions to others from doing the like for Five Hundred Years ; which Petition being by the Commiſſioners of our Treaſury referred to our Surveyor General, he hath Reported that the Deſign ſeeming to him to be for a Publick Good, he cannot think it unreaſonable for us to Grant the Petioners our Royal Licenſe under the Great Seal for the Purpoſes aforeſaid, for the Term of Five hundred Years, as by the Petitioners is deſired.

KNOW YE therefore, that we of our eſpecial Grace, certain Knowledge, and meer Motion, HAVE given and granted, and by theſe

theſe Preſents for Us, our Heirs and Succeſſors, DO give and grant unto the ſaid *William Tarnold* and *Robert Watſon*, their Executors, Adminiſtrators, and Aſſigns, and their, and every of their Agents, Servants, and Workmen, full and free Liberty, Licenſe, Privilege, Power, and Authority, from time to time, and at all times hereafter, for and during the Term of Five Hundred Years, from the Day of the Date hereof, when and as often as Occaſion ſhall be or require to raiſe and take Water out of the ſaid River *Ravensborne*, and to dig and break up ſuch of the open Streets, Lanes, waſte Grounds, and Places, within the ſaid Mannors of *Eaſt Greenwich* and *Sayes Court*, or either of them, as ſhall be needful for laying therein Pipes, Trunks and Branches, for conveying ſuch Water thro' the ſame Places from the ſaid River *Ramensborne* to the Houſes of all or any the Inhabitants of the ſaid Mannors of *Eaſt Greenwich* and *Sayes Court*, or either of them, and the Pariſhes and Places thereunto belonging, and alſo for altering, repairing, and amending ſuch Pipes, Trunks, and Branches, as Occaſion ſhall ſo require.

PROVIDED ALWAYS, and our expreſs Will and Pleaſure is, that the ſaid *William Tarnold* and *Robert Watſon*, their Executors, Adminiſtrators and Aſſigns, ſhall not at any time or times hereafter break, or cauſe to be broken up any incloſed Grounds whatſoever, belonging to any of our Subjects, before they or any of them firſt agree with the reſpective

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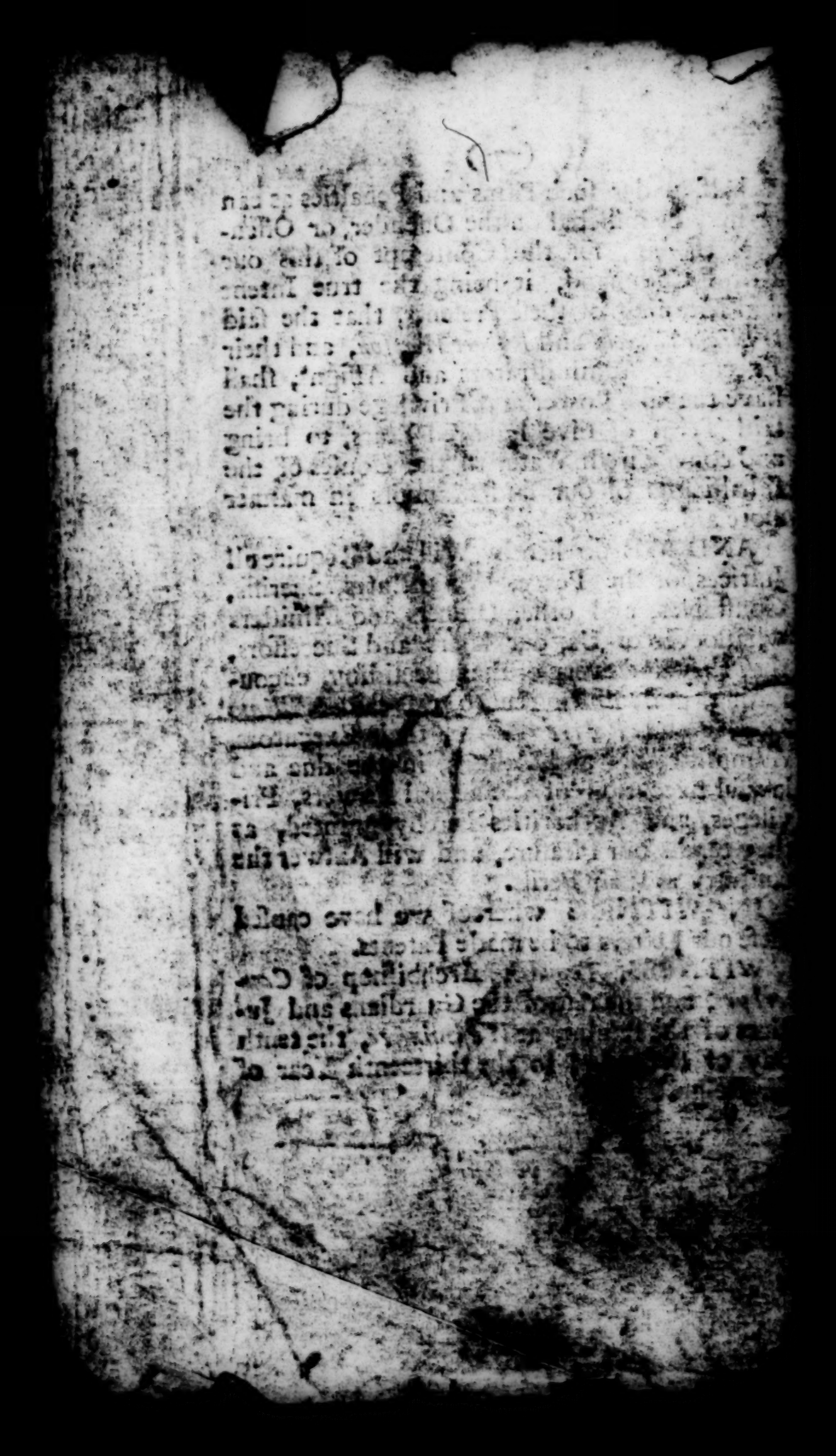
Proprietors of ſuch Severals through which the ſaid Water ſhall be conveyed to any of the Places aforeſaid. PROVIDED ALSO, and our expreſs Will and Pleaſure is, that the ſaid *William Tarnold* and *Robert Watſon*, their Executors Adminiſtrators and Aſſigns, and their Deputies, Servants or Agents from time to time, and at their own proper Coſts and Charges, do and ſhall fill up, repair and make good all ſuch Pavements and Grounds as ſhall be ſo digged and broken up, when and as ſoon after as the ſame conveniently can or may be done, and alſo that they the ſaid *William Tarnold* and *Robert Watſon*, their Executors, Adminiſtrators and Aſſigns, or any of them, ſhall and may from time to time erect Conduits or Receptacles for Water in ſuch convenient Places within the ſaid Mannors, for the readier conveying the ſame to the Uſe of the Inhabitants aforeſaid, as the High Steward of the ſaid Mannors of *Eaſt Greenwich* and *Sayes Court* for the time being, ſhall approve of and appoint, YIELDING and paying therefore to us, our Heirs and Succeſſors, the Rent of thirteen Shillings and four Pence, at the Feaſt of the Annunciation of the Bleſſed Virgin *Mary* now next following, as alſo Yearly, and every Year afterwards on every ſuch Feaſt Day, during the aforeſaid Term of Five hundred Years. AND FURTHER, our Will and Pleaſure is, that the ſaid *William Tarnold* and *Robert Watſon*, their Executors, Adminiſtrators and Aſſigns, and every of them, ſhall

ſhall ſupply our Royal Hoſpital at *Greenwich* with ſuch Quantity of Water as ſhall be neceſſary at ſuch low and moderate Rates as the Commiſſioners of our Treaſury, or High Treaſurer of *England* for the time being ſhall (conſidering the Charges which the ſaid *William Yarnold* and *Robert Watſon*, and their Partners already have and ſhall be at in finiſhing and performing the ſaid Undertaking) think reaſonable to direct and appoint. AND to the End the ſaid *William Yarnold* and *Robert Watſon*, their Executors, Adminiſtrators and Aſſigns, may enjoy and reap the Benefit of their Labour and Charges in and concerning the Premiſes, WE DO by theſe Preſents for Us, our Heirs and Succeſſors, ſtreightly Charge, Require and Command all and every Perſon and Perſons whatſoever, that neither they nor any of them, during the ſaid Term of Five hundred Years, do preſume either directly or indirectly to dig or break up any of our Waſte or other Grounds, Streets, Lanes, or Places whatſoever within our ſaid Mannors, and lay therein Pipes, Trunks, or Branches for conveying Water from the ſaid River *Ravensborne*, or elſewhere, to the Houſes of all or any the Inhabitants of our ſaid Mannors of *Eaſt Greenwich* and *Sayes Court*, or any of them, or any the Pariſhes or Places thereto belonging without the Licenſe, Conſent or Agreement of the ſaid *William Yarnold* and *Robert Watſon*, their Executors, Adminiſtrators or Aſſigns, firſt had and obtained in that Be-

Behalf, under ſuch Pains and Penalties as can or may be inflicted on the Offender or Offenders therein, for the Contempt of this our Royal Command, it being the true Intent and Meaning of theſe Preſents, that the ſaid *William Tarnold* and *Robert Watſon*, and their Executors, Adminiſtrators and Aſſigns, ſhall have the ſole Power and Privilege during the ſaid Term of Five hundred Years, to bring and convey freſh Water to the Houſes of the Inhabitants of our ſaid Mannors in manner aforeſaid.

AND WE do hereby Will and Require all Juſtices of the Peace, Magiſtrates, Sheriffs, Conſtables, and other Officers and Miniſters whatſoever of Us, our Heirs and Succeſſors, that they and every of them be aiding, encouraging, and aſſiſting unto the ſaid *William Tarnold* and *Robert Watſon*, their Executors, Adminiſtrators and Aſſigns, in the due and lawful Execution of the ſeveral Powers, Privileges, and Authorities hereby granted, as they tender our Pleaſure, and will Anſwer the contrary at their Perils.

IN WITNESS whereof we have cauſed theſe our Letters to be made Patents.

WITNESS, *Thomas*, Archbiſhop of *Canterbury*, and the reſt of the Guardians and Juſtices of the Realm, at *Weſtminſter*, the tenth Day of *December*, in the thirteenth Year of our Reign.